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[HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, No. 343.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 20, 1865.—Read first and second times, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. HERBERT, from the Committee on Claims.

A BILL

To be entitled **An Act providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims against the Cotton Bureau in the Trans-Mississippi Department.**

1 WHEREAS, Under authority of Lieut. Gen. E. Kirby Smith, com-
2 manding the Trans-Mississippi Military Department, large quan-
3 tities of cotton have been purchased for the use of the Confeder-
4 ate States, by W. A. Broadwell, appointed for that purpose, and
5 for which certificates have been given, providing that payment
6 should be made as Congress might thereafter prescribe. AND
7 WHEREAS, Said claims cannot be paid without the sanction of
8 Congress, according to the terms of the contract, Therefore,

1 *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,*
2 That the Secretary of the Treasury do cause all such claims for
3 cotton sold and delivered to the said W. A. Broadwell for the
4 use of the Confederate States, to be examined and audited by
5 the proper accounting officer of the Trans-Mississippi Military
6 Department, according to such regulations as he may deem just
7 and proper, and that there be paid therefor just compensation
8 out of any funds appropriated thereto.

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